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**JOSEPH MANKO AND BRENDA GOTANDA
OF MANKO, GOLD, KATCHER & FOX, LLP
TO SPEAK ON MANAGING THE NEW RISKS OF GREEN BUILDING**

Philadelphia, PA (November 24, 2009) – Joseph Manko, a founding partner, and Brenda Gotanda, partner and a LEED Accredited Professional, with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), will present “Green Building Update - Managing the New Risks” at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s (PBI) 13th Annual Law Institute on Thursday, December 3. The program will take place at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 12th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia.

Manko and Gotanda will speak about the latest developments in green building, including the 2009 changes to the LEED Green Building Rating System program and new legal issues that they present. Their session will also provide invaluable insights into the nature of evolving claims and offer strategies to avoid the potential pitfalls in "going green."

Manko has 35 years of experience in environmental law and is a strong advocate and academic on environmental compliance and protection. He has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1991. Manko has served as an adjunct law professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, teaching courses on environmental law, practice and policy, and as a guest lecturer at Vermont Law School. He currently serves as co-chair of the Sustainability Advisory Board for the City of Philadelphia and on the Fairmount Park Conservancy. Manko also serves as the Governor’s designee to chair PENNVEST, which is responsible for making grants and loans of hundreds of million dollars for clean water, drinking water and stormwater infrastructure projects throughout the Commonwealth. He graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Yale University and cum laude from Harvard Law School.

Gotanda has over 15 years of experience in environmental, energy, land use, and health and safety matters. She counsels and represents businesses in regulatory, transactional, permitting, and enforcement matters. Her practice includes green building, sustainability, site remediation and brownfield redevelopment, waste and recycling, water quality and water pollution control, and alternative energy matters. Gotanda is listed in The Best Lawyers in America, has been named a Top Lawyer in environmental law by Main Line Today, and has received the Touchstone Award from the Society of Women Environmental Professionals of Greater Philadelphia (SWEP - Philadelphia). She is currently serving her second term as Chair of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council and is a founder and Director Emeritus of SWEP- Philadelphia. She has also served as Co-Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association Environmental Law Committee. Gotanda graduated with honors from the University of Texas Law School and summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Boston College.

The Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 13th Annual Law Institute will be held on Thursday, December 3 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 12th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia. The program will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CLE credits will be offered. For tuition fees and information, call 800-247-4724 or visit www.pbi.org.

MGKF concentrates its practice in environmental, energy, and land use law and litigation. It represents clients ranging from Fortune 100 corporations to small, privately held enterprises, both in the Mid-Atlantic region and on a national basis. MGKF's offices are located at 401 City Avenue, Suite 500, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania and 535 Route 38, Suite 145A, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. For additional information, visit www.mgkflaw.com or call 484-430-5700 or 856-317-1299.

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